

Class of 1966

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Dear men of '66,

COMMUNITY CENTER-CLASS OF '66 PROJECT

As many of you may know, the new Community Center replacing the Sparks Center is not fully funded. But our Class of '66 fundraising effort to name the Senior Arch in memory of the four Wabash Viet Nam Veterans killed in action is very important for this project. The generosity of our class has certainly been admired and noticed by the administration of the College, and we may have some more really exciting news by the time the next class letter is sent to you in November.

Behind the scenes working on behalf of our class for this important project are Trustee Jay Williams, a member of the Trustee Building and Grounds Committee, John Flanagan, Dave Krattebol and Roger Thies. Thank you to each of them for their time, interest, dedication and loyalty to our Alma Mater. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact Steve Hoffman at hoffmans@wabash.edu or 765-361-6236.



Luka Di Filippo receiving the
Roeder Award from Aaron Selby '06

The Betas have announced a new award-The Honorable James L. Roeder '66 Award for the Outstanding Beta senior. A plaque with Jim's picture now is part of Wabash Beta lore and was unveiled on 9/27/25 at Homecoming. Jim's widow, Babs, attended from California for the presentation to Luka Di Filippo who was an outstanding campus leader, president of the Sphinx Club, varsity athlete and two -time president of the Beta house. This award will be presented at the end of each school year. A picture of five of Jim's pledge brothers who attended the ceremony is on the next page.



Left to right Charlie Bell, Cal Black, John Herrin, John Flanagan, seated Jan Hesser

Don Morel, the former head football coach, now works on the Advancement staff and in a recent visit to California he had a nice visit with Ken Schild. Ken is one of our most loyal alumni and is always interested in what is happening at Old Wabash.

Rob Rudicel, Max's son, was on campus for the Board of Trustees meetings and he always mentions his gratitude to all of our class who voted for him to become a trustee.

It is rumored that Riley Brissman was back on campus for the Ohio Wesleyan football game, but personal contact has not verified this!

Last month numbers of participants were provided for each varsity sport but track was not included as the numbers were not finalized. Here is the most recent update for track: seniors-15, juniors-10, sophomores-14, freshmen-21, total=60. Now that is a large track and field team. Thank you Coach Clyde Morgan.

Now that the Sparks Center is just a huge hole in the ground, a temporary dining facility is located on the outdoor tennis courts which are behind Dean Moore's old house. While all tailgating for football games is now held in Mud Hollow, the temporary dining facility is called Grub Hollow! A tour of this facility and interviews with students found this to be a very popular and highly regarded alternative to the old Sparks Center offerings!

Our 60th reunion is on June 5-7, 2026 and many of you have inquired about this celebration. We have twenty rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn as well as the hospitality room. The manager is Nikki Copeland, a friend, and her number is 765-366-3563. The number for the Hampton Inn is 765-362-8884 and our codes are B60 and Wabash 60th-either should work for your reservation. We can reserve more rooms if needed. Bill Cook has advised that he will lead our class at Chapel Sing, and knowing "Cookie" you may expect some surprises. Stay tuned!

Dear Alma Mater,

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